

# CIC Bulletin- September 2019

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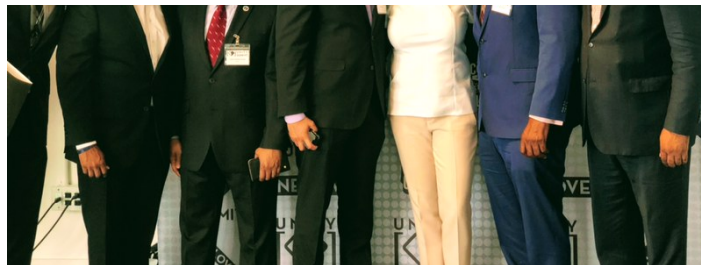
## Message from the Executive Director



Fall is upon us, and we are in full swing here at the CIC! We plan to use the last months of 2019 to implement and refine our strategic initiatives for the 2020 fiscal year. We will continue our communication with the BOP and DOC, and promote visibility of the CIC by participating in more community events.

This month, I attended the Unity Summit hosted by the Deputy Mayor of Public Safety and Justice and other district government agencies. The two day event featured dialogue between change agents, DC organizations, and violence interrupters. I was inspired by the large number of returning citizens in attendance!





***Change agents at the Unity Summit pictured above (left to right): Clinton Lacey, Director of Department of Youth Rehabilitation Services; Dr. Roger A. Mitchell, DC's Chief Medical Examiner; Talib Shareef, President and Imam of the Nations Mosque - Masjid Muhammad; Marcus Ellis, Chief of Staff of the Office of Neighborhood Safety and Engagement; Dr. LaQuandra S. Nesbitt, Director of DC Health; Delbert McFadden, Executive Director of the Office of Neighborhood Safety and Engagement; and Reverend Thomas L. Bowen, Director of Religious Affairs.***

Our annual holiday card project is underway, and we are looking forward to help from the community. I invite our community members, as well as public or private agencies and organizations, to contact us in order to set up 2 hour time blocks for on-site postcard writing sessions. Please contact our Communications Specialist, Nailah Bynoe-Seabron, at (202) 868-6495 or via email, [nailah.seabron@dc.gov](mailto:nailah.seabron@dc.gov) for more information on how to get involved.

Lastly, our next Open Meeting will occur Tuesday, October 22<sup>nd</sup>, from 6pm-7:30pm. As always, I welcome the public at large to attend!

*-Donald Isaac, Sr.*



### IRAA Updates and Recent Release Information

- Kim Kardashian West helps free A DC Man who was convicted of murder as a teen. Read more [HERE](#).
- Three men were denied their IRAA motion this month. After a petition is denied, you must wait three years from the date of your denial before you can

re-petition the court for a potential sentence reduction.

## Women's Corner: SFF Hazelton

As of August 31, 2019, DC's population of incarcerated women is currently held in 9 facilities across the country. The closest facility is Secure Female Facility (SFF) Hazelton. SFF Hazelton also currently houses the largest amount of DC women within the BOP. According to CSOSA's census roster, which is based on information from the BOP, 134 women with DC code offenses are housed in BOP facilities; 45 of those women are in transit.

During the CIC's August 2019 visit to SFF Hazelton, several women spoke about being "triple-bunked", which means sharing a cell with two other women. The American Correctional Complex's (ACA) Standard 4-4132 requires 75 sq. ft. of unencumbered space. The ACA noted during its March 2018 site inspection of the Hazelton Correctional Complex that the SFF houses inmates in two or three person cells, which measure 50.9 sq. ft. 99 cells have triple occupancy; 131 have double occupancy; and 16 have single occupancy.



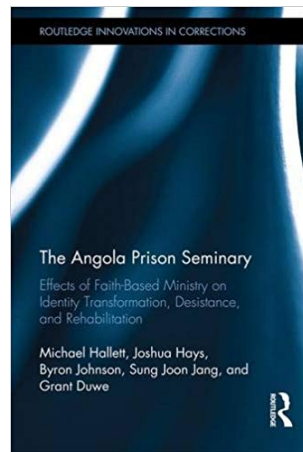
***Pictured Above: A single parking space (left) and a triple bunk prison cell (right), which are roughly the same size.***

## Upcoming Community Events

- **October is Youth Justice Action Month!** On October 7th, 8th, and 10th, Georgetown Law's Juvenile Justice Initiative will host three evenings of events, themed ***Act, Inspire, Lead: Transforming Youth Justice***. For more information on these events and to RSVP, click [HERE](#).
- **Career Prospects for People with Criminal Records Symposium:** On October 15, 2019, RAND will host a one-day symposium to discuss ways to improve employment outcomes of people with criminal records. [CLICK HERE](#)

for more information and registration.

## Transformation and Rehabilitation: What We're Reading



### **The Angola Prison Seminary: Effects of Faith-Based Ministry on Identity Transformation, Desistance, and Rehabilitation**

*by Byron R. Johnson, Grant Duwe, Joshua Hays, Michael Hallett, and Sung Joon Jang*

Corrections officials faced with rising populations and shrinking budgets have increasingly welcomed "faith-based" providers offering services to help meet the needs of inmates. Drawing from three years of on-site research, this book utilizes survey analysis along with interviews from inmates and staff to explore the history, purpose, and functioning of the Inmate Minister program at Louisiana State Penitentiary (aka "Angola"), America's largest maximum-security prison. This book presents accounts from inmates, which show that faith is helpful for "surviving prison", and it explores the implications of religious programming.



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